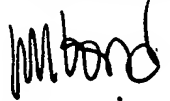


### REMARKS

The Applicant has amended claims 5a through 22 to renumber them. In the application as filed, claim 5a. was not appropriately numbered, causing all the subsequent claims to be off by one number. No new matter or new claims have been added.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bond", is written over the printed name.

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